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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT KUWAIT 5988 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ABU DHABI CAIRO  
DOHA JIDDA MANAMA TEHRAN USINT BAGHDAD BY POUCH OCT 22.

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KUWAIT 5988

CAIRO PASS BLUMENTHAL DELEGATION

DEPARTMENT PASS DEPT. OF ENERGY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, MILI

SUBJECT: KUWAIT REACTION TO SEC. SCHLESINGER'S SPEECH

REF: KUWAIT 5272 (NOTAL).

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1. KUWAIT PRESS OF OCT. 22 CARRIES ACCOUNTS OF REPORTED SPEECH  
BY SECRETARY OF ENERGY SCHLESINGER HIGHLIGHTING THE SECRETARY'S  
REPORTED PRONOUNCEMENT THAT THE US MAY EVENTUALLY BE OBLIGED  
TO PROTECT ITS MIDDLE EAST OIL SUPPLIES BY MILITARY MEANS.  
PRES STORIES NOTED THAT "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US ARMY"  
WERE PRESENT AT THE SPEECH.

2. PRESS OF THE SAME DAY CARRIES THE REPORTED REACTION OF KUWAITI MIN STATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS WHO, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM NEWSMEN, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT KUWAIT REJECTS THREATS OR FOREIGN INTERVENTION, ADDING THAT "KUWAIT BELIEVES THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF SOURCES OF NATIONAL WEALTH IN THE GULF IS STRICTLY THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA." "RELIABLE SOURCES" IN KUWAIT ARE QUOTED AS EXPECTING THAT US AMBASSADORS IN THE REGION WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN SEC. SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOT YET BEEN SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THIS CONNECTION. WHETHER OR NOT HE IS, HOWEVER, THIS MATTER COULD WELL BE RAISED BY THE GOK DURING SEC BLUMENTHAL'S VISIT TO KUWAIT (OCT. 25-26). THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL KUWAITI SENSITIVITY REGARDING THE PRM-10 MATTER LAST MONTH (REFTEL). AT THAT TIME HUSSEIN REJECTED PUBLICLY THE IDEA THE KUWAIT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE "STRATEGIC DEFENSE PLANNING OF ANY STATE." THE GOK MAY SEE SEC. SCHLESINGER'S REPORTED REMARKS AS A SIGN OF SUCH PLANNING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ANY CLARIFICATION OR GUIDANCE WHICH COULD AID AMBASSADOR TO RESPOND KNOWLEDGEABLY IF THIS SUBJECT IS RAISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH AMIR SCHEDULED FOR 1000 HOURS OCT. 23 TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELIVER PRES. CARTER'S LETTER RE BLUMENTHAL VISIT.  
MAESTRONE UNQUOTE VANCE

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